

Cambridgeport, Oct. 14, 1842

Dear bro. George:

The sufferer is at rest from his bodily pains. My poor afflicted brother James threw off his mortal habiliments this morning, at 3 o'clock, but death had no power over his spirit. Till within half an hour of his departure, his sufferings were very great; but he finally died so quietly, that I supposed he had fallen asleep, and did not discover my error until at least half an hour after the event had transpired. As his case had long been hopeless, his release from the flesh is cause of consolation, rather than of sorrow. He retained his senses to the last, and died with all possible fortitude and resignation, being perfectly aware that his end was approaching. We shall consign his mortal remains to the tomb on Sunday afternoon, toward evening; and I need not say that we shall be extremely gratified if you can arrange your business, so as to be with us on the occasion. But I do not wish you to feel under any special obligations to be here, if you have important concerns to attend to elsewhere. Come, if you can without too much inconvenience; if you cannot, it is well. I would say the same to dear Anna and Sarah. If they wish to stay longer in Providence, it would not be best for them to come merely to attend the funeral. If otherwise, we are all ready to welcome them back immediately. Remember that you must all consult your own convenience and wishes.

Dear mother arrived safely yesterday, at 11 o'clock, A.M. We were very much disappointed in not seeing you at the same time, as we were expecting you both in company together, and were thinking it a fortunate circumstance that you would arrive here in such an emergency. I have also been hoping that you would not fail to attend our Non-Resistance anniversary next week; for that cause needs the personal presence of every true friend on that occasion.

Fortunately, Mrs. French, our excellent nurse, remains with us to this hour, and has been of very great service to poor James, in his illness. She expects to be called to another place every moment.

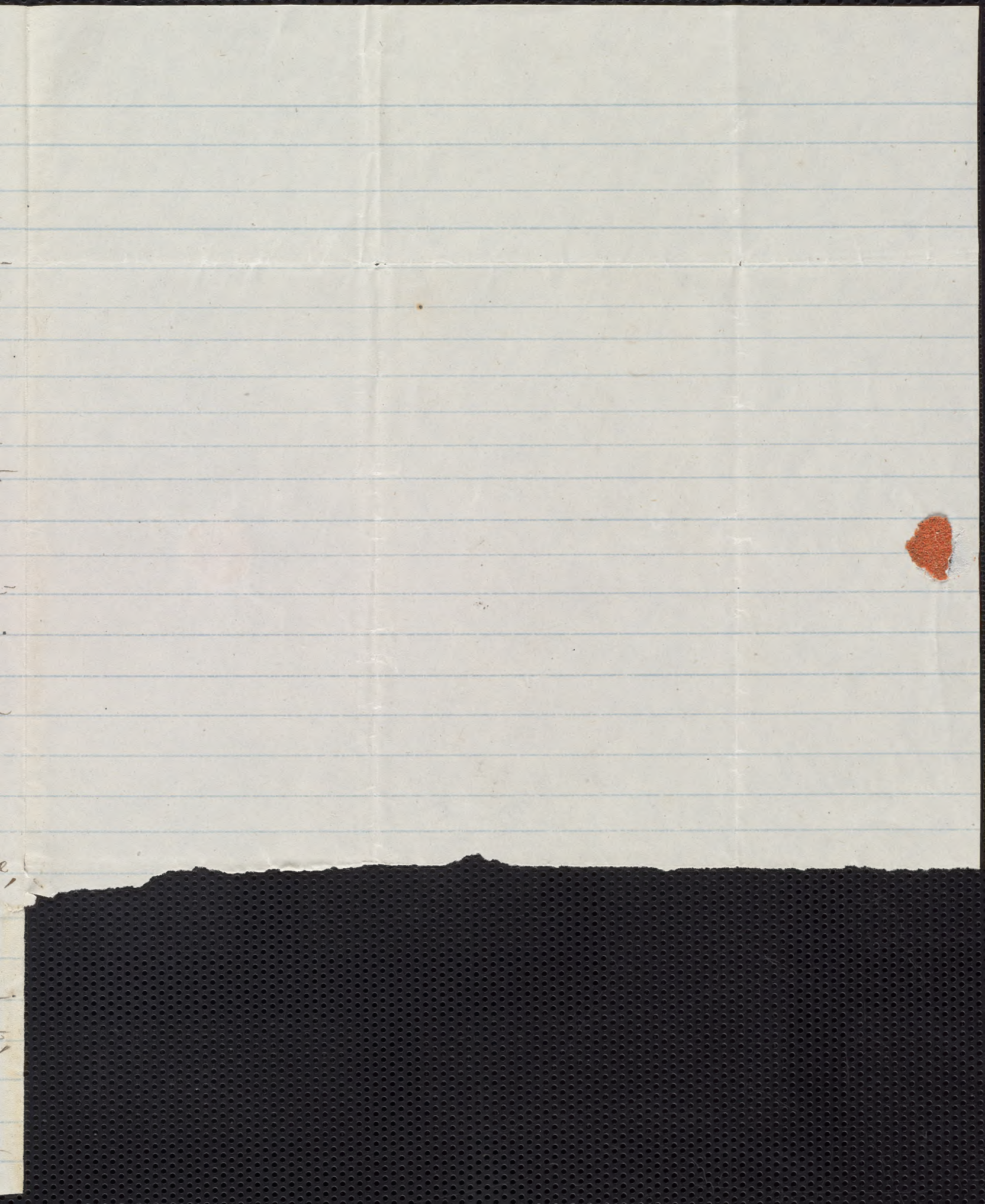
I intend that the funeral arrangements and ceremonies shall be as plain, simple, and free, as possible. Liberty of speech shall be given to all who may attend. I shall probably have a testimony to bear against the war system, the navy, intemperance, &c. in connection with J's history, and also against that religion which sustains war and its murderous enginery.

A letter was sent to Anna, yesterday, by mail, from Helen. I forgot the bundle, until it was too late.

I shall direct this letter to Anna, lest you shall not be in Providence, and the letter remain unopened.

Our best regards to bro. Anthony and Charlotte, and to the sisters.

Yours, by every tie of love,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



Single. — Paid.

Anna C. Benson, Co

of Wheaton & Anthony,
Providence,
R. I.

